

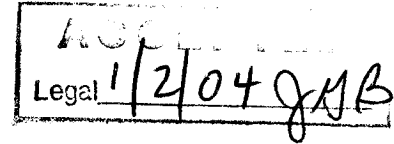
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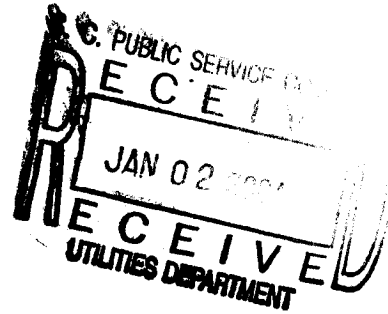
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Re: SCPSC Docket No. 97-239-C
(South Carolina Intrastate USF)
Appendices to Embedded Cost Studies
(Confidential and Filed Under Seal)

Dear Mr. Duke:

Enclosed for filing under seal please find one copy of an Appendix to the embedded cost studies previously filed under seal in the above-referenced docket for each of the following companies:

Bluffton Telephone Company
Hargray Telephone Company
Home Telephone Company
Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
PBT Telecom

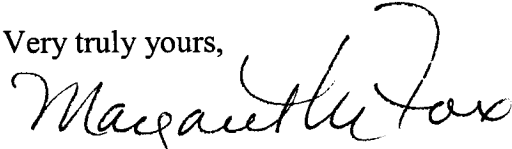
These Appendices are being filed under seal in accordance with and subject to Commission Order No. 2003-555 in this docket, which granted the companies' request to treat these materials as confidential. The Appendices are intended to provide a "roadmap" to the embedded cost studies to better understand how the numbers tie into each other. Each Appendix should be inserted at the back of Tab A in the respective company cost study books.

By copy of this letter, we are forwarding two copies of the Appendices to Barbara Crawford for the Commission's auditing staff and three copies of the Appendices to Florence Belser for use of the Commissioners and Advisory Staff. We are also providing all parties that have requested copies of the cost studies with copies of the Appendices. The copies provided are subject to the protective agreements previously signed by the respective parties in this docket.

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Please clock in a copy of this filing and return it with our courier. Thank you for your assistance

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Margaret M. Fox". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Margaret" being more prominent than the last name "Fox".

Margaret M. Fox

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Enclosures

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